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Mayors and Boards of Selectmen of the following cities and towns:
Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to **Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP)** toxin (also known as "Red Tide") in shellfish the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has closed blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) in shellfish growing areas from **N1** through **N14**.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined area has been changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**", effective at **3:00 PM Wednesday June 28, 2017**. Digging, harvesting, or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest, or collect blue mussels and the possession of blue mussels from the below-defined area are prohibited.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling, or possession of shellfish from the below-defined area. Shellfish growing area N7 Essex Bay remains closed to the harvest of blue mussels.

AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF BLUE MUSSELS

N1 SALISBURY BEACH

"The shoreline of the Town of Salisbury from the New Hampshire state line to the northern-most breakwater at the entrance of the Merrimack River, to include the waters and flats of the Salisbury marshes north of Rte. 1A to the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border."

N2 MERRIMACK RIVER

"The waters, flats and tributaries of the Merrimack River in the City of Newburyport and the Towns of Newbury and Salisbury."

N3 PLUM ISLAND

"The eastern shoreline of Plum Island in the City of Newburyport and the Towns of Ipswich, Newbury and Rowley."

N4 PLUM ISLAND SOUND

"The waters, flats and tributaries of Plum Island Sound in the Towns of Ipswich, Newbury and Rowley."

N5 IPSWICH RIVER

"The waters, flats and tributaries of the Ipswich River in the Town of Ipswich."

N6 CRANES BEACH

"The waters and flats of Cranes Beach in the Town of Ipswich."

(OVER)

N8 COFFINS BEACH

"The waters and flats of Coffins Beach in the City of Gloucester."

N9 ANNISQUAM RIVER AND GLOUCESTER HARBOR

"The waters, flats, and tributaries of the Annisquam River and Gloucester Harbor in the City of Gloucester."

N10 OUTER NORTH GLOUCESTER

"The waters and flats of the North Gloucester coastline."

N11 ROCKPORT

"The waters, flats and tributaries of the Town of Rockport."

N12 GOOD HARBOR BEACH

"The tidal waters and flats and all tributaries of the Gloucester shoreline from the southern point of Long Beach at the Gloucester-Rockport boundary line at Brier Neck southwesterly to the southern point of Bass Rocks."

N13 EASTERN POINT

"The waters and flats of Eastern Point in the City of Gloucester."

N14 MAGNOLIA

"The waters and flats of Magnolia in the City of Gloucester."

Sincerely,



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